

when the various nutrition programs are so different that they will need to be administered separately?

Eleventh, the WIC Program has worked and worked well. Why are we trying to fix something that isn't broke?

Mr. Speaker, the Children's Defense Fund has prepared an excellent briefing book on welfare reform, which was published in January of this year. I want to especially draw my colleagues' attention to the section of the briefing book entitled, "Why Safety Net Entitlements Must Not Be Converted Into Block Grants." Let me share with you the findings of the Children's Defense Fund from that section:

WHY SAFETY NET ENTITLEMENTS MUST NOT BE
CONVERTED INTO BLOCK GRANTS

A number of proposals are being circulated that would transform key means-tested "entitlement" programs (food stamps, school lunches and other child nutrition programs, Medicaid, AFDC, and Foster Care and Adoption Assistance, among others) into block grants. Such a transformation of these key safety net programs would do incalculable damage to America's children and families, states' finances, and the nation's future.

Mr. Speaker, we must reform our welfare system but we should improve the system for the people and the Nation. We should do more than slogans.

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Mr. Speaker, yes, we should reform our welfare system, because our welfare system is not working. But we should not reform the system just for change itself. We should reform the system to make it a better system.

We are called on to have a contract with our citizens that we represent. We were called to be faithful to our promise that we would obey the Constitution. I urge us to go beyond slogans, just slogans. Personal responsibility also takes in responsibility from this Congress. We have a responsibility to make sure these programs are administered efficiently as well as effectively.

Slogans will not feed the poor. Only our working to make sure these programs work will. And I urge my citizens, I urge my colleagues as well as citizens, to understand the nutrition programs have worked well for America.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GOSS). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 1995, the gentleman from California [Mr. DORNAN] is recognized for 15 minutes.

[Mr. DORNAN addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

RECESS

Pursuant to clause 12, rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 48 minutes p.m.) the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. GOSS] at 4 o'clock and 54 minutes p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Hallen, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 30. Concurrent resolution providing for an adjournment of the two Houses.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 86-380, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints Mr. KEMPTHORNE to the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, vice Mr. Durenberger.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. MCHUGH (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for after 12:30 p.m. today, on account of official business at Fort Drum, NY, with the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff;

Mrs. CHENOWETH (at the request of Mr. ARMEY), for today after 1:30 p.m., on account of family illness;

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of official business;

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida (at the request of Mr. GEPHARDT), for today, on account of personal business.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. CLAYTON and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. HALL of Texas.
Mr. ROHRBACHER.
Mr. YOUNG of Florida.
Mr. WARD.
Mr. CALVERT.
Mrs. SCHROEDER.
Mr. HOKE.
Mr. LUCAS.
Mrs. COLLINS of Illinois.
Mr. WYDEN.
Mr. LARGENT.
Mr. BRYANT of Texas.
Mr. WILLIAMS.
Mr. YOUNG of Alaska.
Mr. SHUSTER.
Mr. BONILLA.
Mr. SAXTON.
Mr. HAYES.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. TUCKER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. DELAURO, for 5 minutes, today.
Mr. WILLIAMS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. RIVERS, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. TUCKER, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SALMON) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. KIM, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SALMON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CHRISTENSEN, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. TUCKER) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. HAMILTON, in two instances.

Mr. McDERMOTT.

Mr. DEUTSCH.

Mr. DINGELL.

Mr. JACOBS, in two instances.

Mr. GEPHARDT.

Mr. BARCIA.

Ms. ESHOO.

Mr. POSHARD.

Mr. CLAY.

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin.

Mr. OLVER.

Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts.

Mr. VISCLOSKEY.

Mrs. THURMAN, in two instances.

Mr. OBERSTAR.

Mr. VENTO.

Mr. LIPINSKI.

Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts.

Mr. MFUME.

Mr. STOKES.

Ms. DELAURO.

Mr. MOAKLEY, in two instances.

Mr. MONTGOMERY.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SALMON) and to include extraneous matter:)

Mr. DAVIS.

Mr. GILMAN in four instances.

Mr. BALLENGER.

Mr. NEY.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM.

Mr. BEREUTER.

Mr. CLINGER.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.

Mr. SHUSTER.

Mr. QUINN.

Mr. EMERSON.

Mr. RADANOVICH.

Mr. MOORHEAD.

Mr. HORN.

Mr. FORBES.

Mr. SAXTON.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of House Concurrent Resolution 30 of the 104th Congress, the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 21, 1995, for morning hour debates.

Thereupon (at 4 o'clock and 55 minutes p.m.), pursuant to House Concurrent Resolution 30, the House adjourned until Tuesday, February 21, 1995, at 12:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

379. A letter from the Acting Chairman, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting a report on abnormal occurrences at licensed nuclear facilities for the third quarter of calendar year 1994, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 5848; to the Committee on Commerce.

380. A letter from the Comptroller General of the United States, transmitting the January listing of new investigations, audits, and evaluations; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. QUILLEN: Committee on Rules, House Resolution 88. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 831) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend the deduction for the health insurance costs of self-employed individuals, to repeal the provision permitting non-recognition of gain on sales and exchanges effectuating policies of the Federal Communications Commission, and for other purposes (Rept. 104-38). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. CLINGER: Committee on Government Reform and Oversight. H.R. 450. A bill to ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on regulatory rulemaking actions, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 104-39 Pt. 1). Ordered to be printed.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 5 of rule X and clause 4 of rule XXII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred as follows:

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. GILCREST):

H.R. 971. A bill to ensure that homeowners receive adequate notice of and opportunity to comment on activities likely to adversely affect the value of their home; and to create procedures for homeowners to receive financial compensation for development which produces pollution and other impacts adversely affecting the value of their homes; to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

By Mr. MONTGOMERY (for himself, Mr. EVANS, Mr. KENNEDY of Massachusetts, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. FILNER, Mr. TEJEDA, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. BISHOP, Mr. CLYBURN, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. DOYLE, and Mr. MAS-CARA):

H.R. 972. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the exclusion from gross income for veterans benefits; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. MONTGOMERY:

H.R. 973. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the statute of limitations shall not bar a claim for credit or refund based on a retroactive determination of an entitlement to receive military disability benefits; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ABERCROMBIE (for himself, Mr. OBERSTAR, and Mr. ROTH):

H.R. 974. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore a 100 percent deduction for business meals and entertainment and the deduction for the travel expenses of spouses and others accompanying the taxpayer on business; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BAKER of Louisiana:

H.R. 975. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to make optional the provision of nonemergency medical transportation services under the Medicaid Program and to deny Federal financial participation for such services; to the Committee on Commerce.

H.R. 976. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prevent price gouging during disasters; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland:

H.R. 977. A bill to amend the Goals 2000; Educate America Act to eliminate the National Education Standards and Improvement Council, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

By Mr. BLUTE:

H.R. 978. A bill to amend the formula for determining the official mail allowance for Members of the House of Representatives; to amend the provisions of title 39, United States Code, relating to the franking privilege for Members of Congress and provide that the provisions of law preventing Members from sending mass mailings within the 60-day period immediately before an election be expanded so as to prevent Members from mailing any unsolicited franked mail within that period, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Oversight, and in addition to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BROWDER (for himself and Mr. HANSEN):

H.R. 979. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to submit to Congress a report regarding the management of the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program and to require that additional emergency warning sirens be provided for communities near chemical stockpile sites; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. GEPHARDT (for himself and Mr. GIBBONS) (both by request):

H.R. 980. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide tax relief for the middle class; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 981. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the eligibility criteria for the earned income tax credit, to improve tax compliance by U.S. persons establishing or benefiting from foreign trusts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DEAL of Georgia (for himself, Mr. CLEMENT, Mr. TANNER, Mr. STENHOLM, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. BREWSTER, Mr. HAYES, Mr. HOLDEN, Mr. LAUGHLIN, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. MCHALE, Mr. MINGE, Mr. MONTGOMERY, and Mr. PETERSON of Minnesota):

H.R. 982. A bill to reconnect welfare families to the world of work, make work pay, strengthen families, require personal responsibility, and support State flexibility; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Economic and Educational Opportunities, Commerce, Agriculture, Banking and Financial Services, the Judiciary, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. DeFAZIO (for himself, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. EVANS, Ms. FURSE, Mr. HINCHEY, Mr. GEJDENSON, Mrs. MALONEY, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. SABO, Mrs. SCHROEDER, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. STARK, Ms. WOOLSEY, and Mr. MILLER of California):

H.R. 983. A bill to further establish the ballistic missile defense policy of the United States; to the Committee on National Security.

By Mr. GORDON:

H.R. 984. A bill to expand the boundaries of the Stones River National Battlefield in Tennessee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Resources.

By Mr. LARGENT (for himself, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. BREWSTER, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, and Mr. COBURN):

H.R. 985. A bill to provide tax incentives to encourage production of oil and gas within the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. LOWEY (for herself, Ms. MOLINARI, Mr. MILLER of California, Mrs. MALONEY, Ms. WOOLSEY, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. FROST, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. MINK of Hawaii, and Mr. MARTINEZ):

H.R. 986. A bill to establish a program to provide child care through public-private partnerships; to the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities.

By Mr. LUCAS (for himself, Mr. COBURN, Mr. BREWSTER, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. ISTOOK, Mr. LARGENT, and Mr. POSHARD):

H.R. 987. A bill to encourage production of oil and gas within the United States by providing tax incentives and easing regulatory burdens, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, Resources, the Judiciary, Commerce, Science, Government Reform and Oversight, and International Relations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MOORHEAD (for himself, Mr. HYDE, and Mr. GOODLATTE):

H.R. 988. A bill to reform the Federal civil justice system; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MOORHEAD (for himself, Mrs. SCHROEDER, Mr. COBLE, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. BONO, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. CLEMENT, and Mr. GALLEGLY):

H.R. 989. A bill to amend title 17, United States Code, with respect to the duration of copyright, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.